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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 September 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 152-173 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 152-169 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 170-173 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 9/28/05 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Specification

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 152-169 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burns (US 6,298,498) in view of L'Abbe (US 4,475,248). Burns teaches a helmet 22 with a visor 30 (of transparent material) pivoted at portion 56. The visor portion 30 has a frame 32 but the inventor is silent to the material. L'Abbe teaches a helmet shell made of a fiber reinforced resin 10. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teaching of Burns with that of L'Abbe as it is commonly known in

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the art to use fiber reinforced resins in the helmet art. The frame 32 is located outside the viewing area.

As to claim 153, Burn teaches a further transparent material 60.

As to claim 154, the viewing area is defined by transparent material 60 and its peripheral edge.

As to claim 155, further layer 60 is in front of the first layer 30.

As to claim 156, 163, and 164, Burns does not teach the use of the claimed materials of further layer 60. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the claimed materials to the visor as they are commonly used in the visor art.

As to claim 158, L'Abbe teaches the use of the aramid fiber of Kevlar.

As to claim 159, the visor 30 has a front, left and right side portions with the reinforced fabric of the frame 32 extending over the side portions of the visor.

As to claim 160, the visor 30 has a lower portion having a first layer with the frame (including laminate) extending over the lower portion.

As to claim 161, the visor 30 has an upper portion having a first layer with the frame (including laminate) extending over the upper portion.

As to claim 162, the visor 30 forms a window with a frame 32 surrounding the window.

As to claim 166, the fibers of L'Abbe would be opaque.

As to claim 167, the reinforced resin of L'Abbe is a laminate.

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As to claim 168, Burns teaches a mounting means 92 and a retaining means 114.

As to claim 169, the visor of Burns is capable of accommodating a respirator.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 170-173 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW W. SUTTON whose telephone number is (571)272-6093. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary L. Welch can be reached on (571) 272-4996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3765